



The David Traylor Zoo announces the arrival of an orphaned male cougar cub from the state of Washington. The young cougar cub was rescued by Washington Fish & Wildlife in late January as he sat next to his deceased mother that had been shot illegally. The cub came from the Tucannon drainage, just outside Dayton, Washington in the Blue Mountains. The case is still under investigation. The Zoo worked with Michelle Shireman, Puma SSP (Species Survival Plan) Coordinator and Rich Beausoleil, Bear/Cougar Specialist, Washington Fish & Wildlife, to bring the young

cougar to Emporia.

The cub is approximately 16 weeks old and appears to be in good health. He is currently being held in the Zoo's Quarantine area where he will undergo medical testing to assure that he is healthy and also to receive any vaccinations necessary. The community will be asked to help decide a name for the new arrival in the near future.

Update on Sampson:

Sampson, the Zoo's 16 year old mountain lion is continuing to receive special medical attention and at this time is resting comfortably in the off-exhibit area of his enclosure. His prognosis is still guarded. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Keith at [lkeith@emporia-kansas.gov](mailto:lkeith@emporia-kansas.gov) or 620-341-4365.